

City of Bellewood

Minutes – Commissioners Meeting – May 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Mayor Kevin Orr. The meeting was held at 3911 Leland Rd.

Commissioners in attendance were Karen Koch, Wayne Rudloff, Megan Walz and Eric Gunderson.

The minutes of the April 25, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Financial report – the financial report and budget comparison for April were presented. Payouts for April totaled \$2,344.73. Property taxes collected through April 2012 totaled \$41,330.

Old Business

Alley disposition – a meeting will be held to bring the affected property owners up to date regarding the closing of the alley between Brookfield and Elmwood. Plans are to hold the meeting on June 14, 2012 at Masonic Home at 7:30 PM. More discussion surfaced regarding the alley closing. It was determined that an arborist would be asked to look at the trees in the alley to determine if any trees should be removed at the City's expense because of damage or disease before residents took ownership of the alley property. Also, a call will be made to the insurance company that carries the liability insurance for the City to determine what the insurance covers in case of a tree falling and damaging a homeowner's property or injuring someone.

Street signage - new street signage with speed limits, block watch and no soliciting should be in place by the end of May.

Helm property – Kevin has talked to the new owner this property about buying the adjacent piece of land that Bellewood owns. The new owner will let Kevin know if they want to but it.

Yard sale – the yard sale is on track for the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend. There was discussion regarding the date of future yard sales and perhaps coordinating yard sales with Druid Hills.

Rumpke issues – recycle pick up seems to be working better as residents become accustomed to the new pick up dates and the new bins. Additional bins are available to residents by requesting them from Rumpke.

Ordinance enforcement – trees/bushes – Kevin is in the process of drafting a letter to residents who are not following the ordinance regarding trees and bushes.

New Business

Summer block parties – there is a budget of \$1,250 for block parties for Bellewood. The allowance is \$300 per block.

Accountant for year-end data planning/budget – the City Clerk has been in touch with Charles Veeneman regarding year-end reporting for the City. Veeneman will be getting back with the City Clerk to work through this process.

Summer meeting schedule – the last Commissioners Meeting will be June 19. Meetings are not held during the months of July and August.

Other Issues

There was discussion again about having a builder/contractor available to review renovation plans when they are brought to the Mayor/Commissioners. Everyone will try to seek out someone who may be interested in doing this.

There are several projects that were brought up that future consideration should be given to in order to keep Bellewood a good neighborhood. Some projects mentioned were sidewalk repairs on parts of Chenoweth Lane and parts of Elmwood, and also some street repairs/patching on various streets of the City.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.